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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Tadashi OKAJIMA.**

Group Art Unit: **2653**

Serial No.: **09/650,757**

Examiner: **Bach Q. Vuong**

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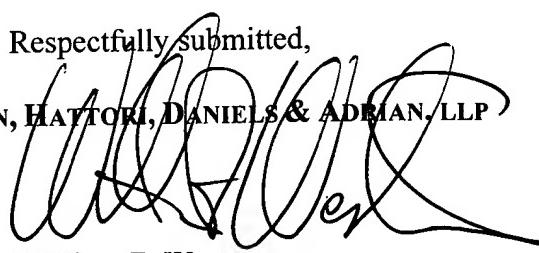
Applicant(s) filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 12, 2002. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanies the IDS, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.



The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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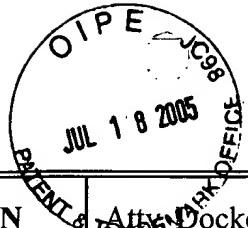
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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### OTHER DOCUMENTS

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